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SUBJ: GOC RELATIONS WITH FRANCE AND U.S.

1. MINISTER OF JUSTICE AMADY CALLED IN PAO DAVID SEAL LAST WEEK TO DISCUSS INTERNATIONAL VISITOR GRANT OFFERED TO MINISTER. AFTER BRIEFLY DEALING WITH THAT QUESTION, AMADY SAID HE HAD MESSAGE TO PASS INFORMALLY TO EMBASSY FROM SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL (SMC). IN LENGTHY CONVERSATION AMADY EXPRESSED DEEP SUSPICION OF FRANCE AND DESIRE ON PART OF GOC FOR FIRM FRIENDSHIP WITH U.S. HE IS VERY CLOSE TO SMC LEADERSHIP.

2. AMADY ACCUSED FRENCH OF SPREADING RUMORS, SUCH AS RECENT ONE IMPLICATING GENERAL ODINGAR IN COUP ATTEMPT, IN ORDER TO UNDERMINE AND CREATE DIVISIONS WITH SMC. SAID SMC HAD PROOF FRENCH USED MILITARY BASE IN CHAD FOR SECRET PURPOSES RELATED TO CLAUSTRE AFFAIR. STATED THAT SMC WOULD HAVE LIKED COMPLETE BREAK WITH FRANCE INCLUDING DIPLOMATIC, BUT FEARED EFFECT OF SUDDEN VACUUM. STEPS AFTER CLOSING OF FRENCH BASE WILL DEPEND ON FRENCH REACTION.

3. AMADY CONTINUED, "ALTHOUGH THE PRC IS VERY SYMPATHETIC TO THE CHADIAN PLIGHT AS WELL AS OTHER NATIONS, IT IS THE U.S. THAT CHAD WANTS AS ITS CLOSEST ALLY AND PARTNER." SEAL SAID
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U.S. WANTS TO AVOID INTERNAL ENTANGLEMENTS AFRICA, AND AMADY

AGREED THAT MULTIDONOR RELATIONS WITH BIG POWERS BEST, BUT SAID U.S. HAS "INSIDE TRACK". SAID GOC IMPRESSED BY SECRETARY KISSINGER UNGA SPECIAL SESSION SPEECH AND WANTS TO TEST ITS APPLICATION TO LEAST FAVORED NATIONS.

4. WE CAN ASSUME SOVIETS AND CHINESE ARE WATCHING DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING FRENCH-CHADIAN RELATIONS CAREFULLY. SOVIET CHARGE RECENTLY ASKED ZAIRIAN AMBASSADOR RHETORICAL QUESTION, "WHO WILL REPLACE FRENCH MILITARY IN CHAD?", THEN PARTIALLY ANSWERED THAT CHINESE REACTIONS ARE TOO SLOW. MEANWHILE, GENERAL DJOGO, MEMBER OF SMC AND MINISTER OF FINANCE, LEFT NDJAMENA RECENTLY EN ROUTE MOSCOW AND SEVERAL EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. LITTLE

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